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SUBJECT: ARREST PCVS IN SAO PAULO ON DRUG CHARGES

1. MOSCOW RADIO REPORTED ON JULY 31 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE:
TWO AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE BRAZILIAN CITY OF
SAO PAULO FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST THEM. THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE WELL-
KNOWN PEACE CORPS. THE ORGANIZERS OF THE CORPS HAD SENT
THESE MODERN MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL AS THE CHAMPIONS OF
PROGRESS TO BRING THE BLESSINGS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO
THE BACKWARD POPULATION OF LATIN AMERICA. BUT EVIDENTLY
THE GLITTER OF THE GOLDEN CALF PROVED TOO ATTRACTIVE AND
THE CHAMPIONS OF PROGRESS TURNED WITH EASE INTO CHAMPIONS
OF EVIL.

QUOTE: THIS CASE, AS MANY SIMILAR ONES, SHOW THAT
DRUG-TAKING, WHICH IS ONE OF THE UNITED STATES' MOST ACUTE
PROBLEMS, HAS BEEN INCLUDED AMONG AMERICAN EXPORT ARTICLES.
THE SMUGGLING OF HASHISH, HEROIN AND MARIJUANA, EARNS SUCH
FABULOUS PROFITS THAT IT LEADS MANY MISSIONARIES WHO ARE
NOT TOO SCRUPULOUS TO FORGET ABOUT THEIR CONSCIOUS (WORDS
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INDISTINCT). THE STRIVING TO MAKE A DECENT PROFIT EVEN AT

THE COST OF OTHER PEOPLE'S SUFFERINGS HAS BECOME A CURRENT
PHENOMENON IN THE SOCIETY OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. UNQUOTE

2. REPORTED ARREST CONFIRMED BY PEACE CORPS HERE. ROGERS

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